



Request for Committee Action From the Office of City Clerk

Date: May 10, 2012

To: Honorable Cam Gordon, Chair
Elections Committee

Subject: Designation of Polling Places for the 2012 Primary and General Elections

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to designate official polling places for the 2012 Primary and State General and School Board Election

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Background Information: On March 30, 2012, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2012R-146 which designated election precincts, and the boundaries thereof, in the several wards of the City, as redrawn by the Minneapolis Charter Commission following the 2010 Census. Under the authority granted in Minneapolis City Charter, Chapter 2 §7, the Council is responsible for establishing polling places within the various precincts.

To minimize voter confusion, the Clerk's Office (Elections Division) is recommending that existing polling places be retained whenever possible, particularly given impacts caused by new state, county, city, and other political boundaries resulting from redistricting. For convenience, a listing of all polling places that have been considered is included as *Attachment A*. Working with Council Members, staff has been largely successful in meeting the goal of retaining existing polling places, despite changes in ward and district boundaries. However, seven polling places need to be changed for 2012, with one or more new polling places being established in Wards 6, 8, 10, and 11. These changes are reflected in the recommended polling place list, which is included as *Attachment B*.

Under Minnesota Statutes 204B.16, subd. 3, all polling places must be established by no later than ninety days before the next scheduled election, and notice must be provided to all affected voters of the location of the polling places. The next scheduled election event in the 2012 Presidential Primary, set for Tuesday, August 14; thus, the ninety-day window to complete the designation of polling places is Wednesday, May 16. Thus, staff is requesting that the City Council take action at its regular meeting on Friday, May 11, to designate official polling places for the 2012 Primary and General Election.

Attachments: List of All Proposed 2012 Polling Places – Attachment A
List of Polling Places Changes – Attachment B